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General Jaruzelski [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] attacked US sanctions while praising West European restraint--an obvious ploy to drive a wedge between the US and NATO. He reportedly delivered a lengthy defense of martial law policy and gave no timetable for its lifting. Jaruzelski sidestepped the EC's appeal to resume a dialogue with Solidarity and release detainees. He also suggested that some Solidarity leaders might be deported to the West but he did not provide any details. [REDACTED]

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A traveller from Gdansk reported that the situation in the city remains tense, despite Polish media reporting to the contrary. He asserted that there was open hostility to martial law, that the military presence in the city was much greater than in Warsaw, and that "little work is going on anywhere" in Gdansk. He also said that only 30 percent of workers at the Lenin Shipyard had agreed to sign loyalty oaths. [REDACTED]

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At least 16 senior Solidarity officials, arrested at the onset of martial law, reportedly were moved on Saturday from detention centers in Gdansk to Bialoleka prison near Warsaw. The reason for the move is unclear, but Solidarity sources have expressed fear to Western reporters that it might be in preparation for putting the union leaders on trial. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] report that a meeting of provincial leaders and the Central party apparatus will probably take place this week. The meeting could initiate a major party house cleaning. [REDACTED] "persistent reports" that Gdansk party secretary Fiszbach--considered a liberal--is under considerable pressure to resign. Fiszbach was reportedly called to Warsaw where he told party officials that it was up to his own regional party organization to remove him. [REDACTED]

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Reuters reports that Pravda's article marking the Polish party's 40th anniversary expressed fresh concern for the health of the party. Moscow clearly favors a party purge--whose aim is a revitalized and ideologically sound party--seeing it as a prerequisite for the eventual return to civilian rule in Poland. It appears that the Soviet press did not respond to yesterday's EC communique, suggesting that the Kremlin is content that the EC failed to match US sanctions. [REDACTED]

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The Czechoslovak media reacted more sharply to the EC communique, terming it gross interference which "bears the marks of the satellite-like policy" of the West European allies of the US. The Czechs also attacked EC support of Secretary Haig's proposal that the Polish situation be discussed at the Madrid CSCE meetings. [REDACTED]

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